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HOUSE BILL 1021

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LIVESTOCK; INCREASING THE SPECIAL LEVY TO ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) PER HEAD ON ALL ANIMALS IN A COUNTY PROTECTED UNDER THE COUNTY PREDATOR CONTROL PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 77-15-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965, Chapter 92, Section 6) is amended to read:

"77-15-11. SPECIAL LEVY.--

A. Upon the establishment of a county predator control program, the board of county commissioners shall order a special levy of a tax in the form of a mill levy ~~[which]~~ that will produce not more than the rate limitation set on the petition and ~~[in no event]~~ not more than ~~[twenty-five cents (\$0.25)]~~ one dollar (\$1.00) per head on all animals in the county to be protected under the county predator control

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1 program. This special levy shall be over and above any other
2 special levies and shall not be construed to be within the
3 constitutional twenty-mill limitation. The proceeds of this
4 special levy shall be deposited with the county treasurer for
5 expenditure upon order of the county predator control board and
6 shall be spent, during the existence of the program, solely for
7 predator control.

8 B. The amount of the levy shall be stated on the
9 petition, and the county [~~board of~~] predator control board
10 shall certify it to the board of county commissioners on or
11 before the first Monday in August following [~~their~~] its
12 appointment. The special levy shall be assessed, levied and
13 collected as other taxes in the county and at the expense of
14 the county.

15 C. The owners of fifty-one percent of the animals
16 assessed under [~~this~~] the County Predator Control Act may
17 require a change in the amount of the levy within the statutory
18 limit by petitioning the county predator control board on or
19 before the first Monday of July of any year.

20 D. Any owner of dairy animals or of feedlot animals
21 being fattened on full feed for slaughter and which animals are
22 included in the animals on the tax rolls for this special
23 assessment may have these animals excluded from the special
24 assessment by filing a certified statement containing the
25 description and count of [~~such~~] the animals with the board of

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1 county commissioners prior to September 1 of the year in which
2 the tax is assessed."

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